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COUNTRY Hungary

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Szombathely Airfield

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PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to fall 1950

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DATE PREPARED 9 July 1951

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The airfield was located north of Szombathely (P 48/C 78), east of the road to Koeszeg (P 48/X 60) and west of the community of Soepte (P 48/C 79). An old airfield, which has not been used since 1945, bordered on the field to the north. The field, about 1,500 x 2,500 meters, has no concrete runway or installations for night flying. The entire field installations were almost completely destroyed during the war. Installations which were newly erected up to the fall of 1950 included a flight control building, a workshop, a DF station and a garage. The following installations were also available: A repaired hangar, quarters for the airfield commander and, south of the field, a Soviet barracks installation and a Soviet fuel dump.

2. Since 1946, the field has been used as a commercial airfield by Maszovlet Airlines. Prior to the fall of 1947, Soviet courier planes also landed there. Between the spring of 1948 and August 1949, the field was used by Omre Aero Club which maintained a pilot school there. Three sentries of the Hungarian State Security Police (AVH) were stationed at the field. *

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* Comment. The report, which is believed to be credible, confirms previous information up to the summer of 1949. Until the fall of 1950 the field was apparently used by planes of Maszovlet Airlines. For layout sketch of airfield, see Annex. This sketch is believed to be correct

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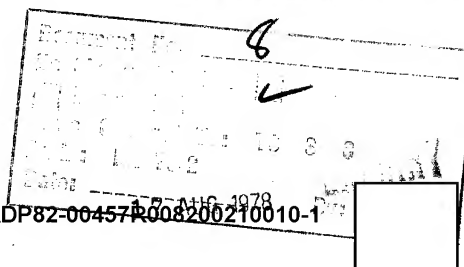
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did not know any details on the Soviet quarters and the fuel dump. The **Russians** probably use the field for occasional intermediate landings.

1 Annex: 1 - sketch on ditto.

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